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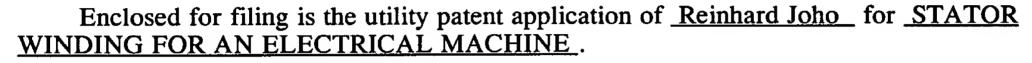
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Sir:



[]	Applicant(s) hereby request(s) that the above-captioned application NOT BE PUBLISHED under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.
[]	Applicant(s) suggest(s) Figure _ for inclusion on the front page of the patent application publication and patent.
Also	enclosed are:
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[x]	a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 is [x] hereby made to Appln. No. 100 33 014.2 filed in Germany on July 6, 2000;
	[x] in the declaration;
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